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TOPIC Military Information from Mikulov, Louny and Petrzalka near Bratislava 25X1

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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Mikulov.

1. Prior to 1 December 1951, a unit, whose personnel wore red collar patches, was quartered in a barracks installation consisting of 10 low brick buildings at the Benes Park, Mikulov (P 49/S 56). Groups of about 80 men each from this unit armed with rifles and submachine guns were repeatedly seen marching through the town. The unit was equipped with several Praga-RN trucks, Skoda jeeps and Jawa-250 motorcycles. On 1 December 1951, a large number of recruits moved through the town coming from the railroad station. (1)

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2. While riding on a train from Hrusovany (P 49/S 36) to Mikulov, [redacted] repeatedly saw old bunkers being reconditioned along the Austrian border. Mikulov was not located in the border zone. (2) 25X1

3. Prior to 1 December 1951, a PS unit, whose strength was estimated at 200 to 300 men, was quartered in the former U Biku Inn on market square in Hrusovany. Another military unit of 300 to 400 men was quartered in the castle on the market square. Six heavy machine guns were seen on the occasion of a review of the military post. A total of five trucks, about 10 jeeps and some motorcycles were observed. Senior Lieutenant Madera (fnu) was referred to as post commander. Local residents said that these units conducted the border control of the Diakovice (O 49/S 25)-Hevlin (P 49/S 35)-Novy Prerov (P 49/S 46) border sector. The troops were shipped to the border by trucks. (1)

4. Prior to 14 December 1951, a barracks installation on the northern exit of Mikulov was occupied by PS units. A camp of about 15 low wooden buildings about 500 meters northeast of the installation was occupied by soldiers of an unidentified unit since the fall of 1951. It had previously been inhabited by workers and Greek children. Another PS unit was quartered in a former prison 4 km southeast of Mikulov and

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northwest of Na Muslove. The installation consisted of brick buildings surrounded by a high wall. One of the buildings had a turret on its roof. (1)

5. a PS unit was also stationed in Valtice (P 49/S 65). He also stated that a strip of land, 300 to 400 meters wide, marked off with sign boards reading "Border Zone - Strictly Off Limits" was along the border and that another zone adjacent to this strip was marked "Border Zone - Off Limits, Except by Permit". (1) 25X1

Louny.

6. Prior to late November 1951, soldiers with red and black collar patches were quartered in the barracks installation southeast of Louny about 200 meters north of the road to Prague. Ten to 20 armored vehicles covered with tarpaulins were seen standing in an open shed. Broad traces of caterpillar tracks were seen near the installation. Particularly large Tatra trucks occupied by soldiers repeatedly passed through the town. (3)

7. The military post headquarters was located in a three-story building on the main square. Another military office was in the building of the ONV at the market. In November 1951, the saving bank on the main square was vacated. The moving was done by soldiers who wore black and red epaulets and by civilians. 25X1

8. During a physical examination in Pacov (O 50/K 22) in the spring of 1950, an infantry unit with Utvar No 3739 was quartered in the castle on the northwestern edge of the town. He met soldiers who had served with him in the 48th Inf Regt, Utvar No 2128, in Pelhrimov (O 50/K 41). (4) 25X1

Petrzalka near Bratislava.

9. On 14 March 1952, the area of Petrzalka (P 49/S 99) was evacuated by the civilian population. 25X1

Comments.

(1) The OB in the area of Mikulov is not yet clear. According to a report of October 1950, a battalion of the 10th Inf Regt was stationed there. In 1951, the entire regiment was to be transferred to Mikulov. The PS units mentioned in thepresent report no doubt belong to the PS brigade in Znojmo. One battalion of this brigade commanded by Senior Lieutenant Madera (Cnu) is carried in Hrusovany. The detailed organization of the brigade in Znojmo remains to be determined. 25X1

(2) The information probably is correct, since the reconstruction of old bunkers along the border has also been reported from the Malacky border sector.

(3) According to an unconfirmed report of October 1951, the mechanized regiment with the surname Tomase Garyka Mazaryka of the 5th Mecz Div was stationed in Louny.

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